

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an application filed on 2/11/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                     |
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***Reasons For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 10, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a process comprising steps of for each first substrate of a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates, calculating a start value Z for digit s+1 to digit r of the serial number with the formula:

$$Z = (j-1) + (i-1)*n + (m-1)*(k*n),$$
 wherein  $k*n$  is smaller than  $10^s$  is smaller than p, j identifies a line of the object, i identifies a column of the object and m identifies a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates and sequentially numbering the objects.

Regarding claim 11, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a process comprising steps for each first substrate of a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates, calculating a start value Z for digit s+1 to digit r of the serial number with the formula:

$$Z = D/10^s - ((j-1) + (i-1)*n + (m-1)*k*n),$$
 wherein D is a serial number from which downward numbering starts,  $k*n$  is smaller than  $10^s$  than 10, s is smaller than p, j identifies a line of the object, i identifies a column of the object and m identifies a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates and sequentially numbering the objects.

Regarding claim 12, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a process comprising steps for each first substrate of a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates, calculating a start value Z for digit s+1 to digit r of the serial number with the formula:

$$Z = (j-1) + (i-1)*n + (m-1)*(k*n),$$
 wherein  $k*n$  is smaller than  $10^s$ , s is smaller than p, j identifies a line of the object, i

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identifies a column of the object and m identifies a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates; sequentially numbering the objects, forming piles of q substrates, wherein q is divisible by  $10^s$  with an even result and cutting each pile of q substrate along the rows and the columns to form packs of individual objects which are sequentially numbered.

Regarding claim 14, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a process comprising steps of for each first substrate of a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates, calculating a start value Z for digit s+1 to digit r of the serial number with the formula:

$$Z = D/10^s - ((j-1) + (i-1)*n + (m-1)*k*n),$$

wherein D is a serial number from which downward numbering starts,  $k*n$  is smaller than  $10^s$ , s is smaller than p, j identifies a line of the object, i identifies a column of the object and m identifies a run of  $10^s$  successive substrates; sequentially numbering the objects, forming piles of q substrates, wherein q is divisible by  $10^s$  with an even result and cutting each pile of q substrate along the rows and the columns to form packs of the individual objects which are sequentially numbered.

Regarding claim 16, the prior art does not teach or render obvious a numbering box for typographic numbering of substrates comprising sequential actuation means for digits 1 to s, where  $10^s$  is smaller or equal to q, wherein q is a number of successively numbered substrates to be collated and processed into piles of q substrates, individually settable actuation means for digits s+1 to r, where a maximum number printable by digits 1 to s and s+1 to r is smaller or equal to  $k*n*q$  and sequential actuation means for digits r+1 to p.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marissa L. Ferguson-Samreth whose telephone number is (571) 272-2163. The examiner can normally be reached on (M-T) 6:30am-4:00pm and every other(F) 7:30am-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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